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FRYE ANNOUNCES MAJOR SAVINGS FOR CITY THROUGH SOLAR ENERGY AGREEMENT

Frye continues to push for use of solar throughout San Diego

San Diego, CA- Today, Councilmember Donna Frye announced a proposed solar energy agreement between the City of San Diego and Sun Edison SD LLC to provide approximately 5 megawatts of photovoltaic systems at city-owned facilities. The Alvarado Filtration Plant would be the first project, with an estimated savings in energy costs of over \$700,000 over 20 years and enough electricity to power approximately 500 homes in energy costs. In addition, because the photovoltaic systems will be installed, owned, operated and maintained by Sun Edison SD LLC, the city will save millions of dollars in capital costs.

“In this fiscal crisis, we are always looking for innovative ways to save money,” stated Councilmember Frye. “This project is exciting because it not only saves the city money, but it also saves energy, improves the local economy, reduces global warming and moves our city towards energy independence.”

Frye made the announcement at the City’s Environmental Services “Green Building” in Kearny Mesa, which is located in Frye’s district. Frye’s announcement was made in front of the Green Building’s solar carport, which provides electricity to the building.

“As energy costs climb higher and higher, it is our responsibility to find more cost-effective ways to power city-owned facilities,” said Mayor Sanders. “I would like to thank Councilmember Frye for her leadership on this issue and I look forward to working with her to provide our city with clean energy as well as saving taxpayer dollars.”

The power purchase agreement is expected to be approved by the City Council on Monday and is part of Frye’s long standing efforts to make San Diego a more energy-efficient city. In 2004, the City Council adopted a 50-megawatt renewable energy goal for the city and Frye is committed to making that goal a reality.

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